

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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REMARK BY PAK PRESIDENT
Chaudhary Shri Pankaj

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the allegedly threatening statement given by the President of Pakistan that if India contemplates to attack any part of Pakistan in the name of terrorism, it too would give a befitting reply;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) – (c) On 26 July 2006, Pakistan President Musharraf, at the inaugural ceremony of MAPAK Edible Oil Refinery at Port Qasim in Karachi, reportedly said that any "punitive" action against Pakistan would be paid back in the same coin. According to Pakistani media reports, he said, "Nobody should have this wishful thinking that Pakistan will bear any kind of adventure inside its territory. No one is there who can take any punitive action against Pakistan as the country's defence is in strong hands."